leakage from a mobile source as a possible source of gas leakage. The released gas was nasal and eye irritant and caused nausea and headache for a short period.

(iv) The District Administration immediately initiated the rescue operations in the affected villages. The affected villagers were taken to Government Hospitals in Bhopal. 180 patients were given primary treatment on the day of leakage and on the next day, 115 were treated. All of them were allowed to go home as none of them were serious enough to be admitted in the hospital.

Damage to forests due to developmental projects

1092. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of various types of forests submerged/damaged due to the construction of developmental projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the proposed Polavaram project submerges reserve forests as well as wild life sanctuary; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Diversion of 36,485.59 ha. of forest land has been allowed by the Central Government for various developmental projects in Andhra Pradesh since promulgation of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The proposed project involves diversion of 3267 ha. of forest land. 2933.84 ha. will go under submergence out of which 187 ha. falls in Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary.

Environment impact assessment guidelines

1093. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: